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DELEGATES TO THE ELEVENTH NATIONAL 4-H CLUB CAMP

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MONTANA

<u>Delegate</u>	<u>County</u>
John Brookie	Valley
Daphne De Bruin.	Chouteau
Martha Shogren	Yellowstone
Everett Shuey.	Rosebud

Mr. Brookie writes:

"At the age of 11 I wanted a boys' club. The girls of our community had a sewing club, but there was no club for boys. My mother promised me that she would help me to organize a poultry club the following year.

"There were five of us in this first venture. Our leader, who had had poultry work at the State college, helped us over many of the rough places in our work. I held the office of secretary in this first club. We were not all successful poultrymen. I started out with 2 hens which hatched 29 chicks. However, because of disease, I raised only about a third of them. Since the ground was infected with this disease, we did away with the home flock that fall.

"The next summer, I took charge of the farm flock on new ground, and had better luck. That fall, I attended my first county fair at Glasgow, Mont. While there I competed in the first livestock judging contest for 4-H club members in Valley County. I was surely surprised when I received the first prize.

"The next year we chose a calf club, and called ourselves "The Busy Beavers", which name we are still known by. Some of us were able to get high-grade and registered milking shorthorn calves by borrowing money from the Agricultural Credit Corporation, through the supervision of the county agent. I thought a great deal of these high-blooded animals. I exhibited them at the fair that fall and won one second and two third prizes. I took part in the judging contest but failed to win any prizes.

"That year, about the last of June, I attended the first county-wide 4-H camp for boys and girls.

"At the beginning of my third year of club work, I had one heifer and one bull and enrolled in a dairy-heifer club. This summer my brother and I together worked with our cattle, getting them ready for another fair; but when fair time came we were unable to take them. Cattle had gone down in price and mine were not worth any more than they were when they were calves. Under the loan, I was to sell one of the two and pay off my debt. As it was impossible to pay the loan, the Agricultural Credit Corporation made out a new

one. The cattle were not entirely paid for until 1936. I had the bull for 5 years, and he was used by the neighbors. He was one of the gentlest animals on the place.

"The next year we could not call our club a heifer club, so we changed it to a cow and calf club. It was this year that I learned how to make a calf drink milk out of a bucket. I was also successful in breaking my cow to being milked. This fall my brother and I decided to put on a demonstration on 'Fitting show cattle.' We chose to demonstrate with a calf as there wasn't so much to wash. Every thing went along with ease until about time to give the demonstration in public. Then a funny, creepy feeling started up my spine and I wondered if we had to give it. My leader told us to go ahead, and we came in second. I was one of the members on a judging team that fall and was sent to take part in the judging contest at the Great Falls fair.

"A new year - a new project. I took up truck gardening for my sixth project in 1934. I battled with insects and hail and when fair time came it was hard to pick an exhibit to display. Others had the same trouble, and maybe more, for my exhibit came in the first three places.

"I didn't give up demonstration, but gave a rope-tying demonstration with another member of our club. We were sent to Great Falls for another chance in the fair contests."

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Miss De Bruin writes:

"I became interested in 4-H work in the spring of 1929, at the age of 10. I have been a 4-H club member for 8 years and have carried and completed 18 projects.

"Work meant, up early in the morning working in the garden then gathering the vegetables and canning them when it was hot, raking and burning rubbish from the yard, painting the porch, feeding and caring for chickens and dressing them for the market. It also consisted of making cupboards, making sheets, pillowcases and spread for myself, planning and sewing my school clothes, painting the furniture and caring for my room, cleaning and polishing floors, and remaking and dyeing curtains to fit the color scheme of my room. For my luncheon and dinner project I did the cooking for the men at the ranch during the summer.

"The pleasant times we have had in 4-H will always be remembered. The gopher hunts, swimming meets, hikes, picnics, parties, camps, programs, horse-back jaunts, and games and stunts are just a part of them."

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Miss Shogren writes:

"4-H club work has been an important part of my life for the past 7 years, during which time I have completed four projects in foods and four in clothing. For the last 3 years, in addition to my own 4-H work, I have been leading groups of younger girls in 4-H clubs.

"I came from a 4-H club family, as some member of it has been enrolled in a Yellowstone County 4-H club since 1922. Two of my older sisters received district and State recognition in demonstration-team work. Their success made me eager to join.

"The 4-H food-preparation project has taken a large part of my time and interest and has proved very useful. I had the opportunity, 2 years ago, to show just how much I had learned in 4-H club work, about meal planning, preparation, and service, when my parents went on a 6-week vacation and I was left to be housekeeper for the remaining family of five. The results were favorable, because even my brother told me that I did quite well. Last year I was fortunate enough to complete my foods club work by being a member of an advanced foods club, where we carried our training further and learned how to prepare and serve company meals, afternoon tea, formal dinners, and community meals. I now feel competent to handle our family meals, and planning for company does not worry me at all.

"In addition to the work that I have done myself in the foods club, I have acted as leader for a year and assistant leader for two years, to clubs in which my younger sisters and their friends are members. Last year was my first as an actual leader of a 4-H club. It was a breakfast club and had a membership of 10 girls ranging in ages from 10 to 13. I am proud to say we finished 100 percent. At the county picnic our banner received second prize, which was 2 dollars from the Kiwanis Club. With our prize money we had a wiener roast which the girls planned and served. We prepared a complete breakfast and served it to guests and club members at each meeting. In addition to this one year of entire responsibility I have been assistant leader of foods clubs for 2 years.

"In 4-H clothing I started as a 10-year-old member to learn the first essentials of clothing construction. Through my other 3 years I have continued to learn and perfect the finer points of sewing. I have also learned to be more efficient in fitting and have become more interested in harmony of color, costuming, and appropriate dress selection at low cost. This last year was the most successful in my clothing. I modeled an inexpensive wool dress which I use for special occasions. I placed third in the county revue, and at the district revue I placed second in the wool-dress class and first in the best-dress class. I have passed on to many of my friends things I have learned in 4-H and have taught them how much more practical home-made clothes can be if made properly.

"I have always enjoyed judging. Ever since the beginning of our judging, Annabelle Peterson has been my team mate. We have won high places in many of the contests. We determined to place in the district contest, and as

a result we placed first and I was high-scoring individual. Through judging we have learned to know good products, which of course aids us in knowing whether our own products are good or not. We have also learned to know the standards in clothing, pictures, and room improvement.

"In my club experiences I have belonged to only one demonstration team. Helen Hoffman and I demonstrated the making of potato salad. This demonstration was chosen because we thought it was a very excellent dish when well prepared, and we wished to show how to make a good salad using an inexpensive dressing. We placed second in the county, and I know we profited much also by giving this demonstration.

"Social activities have furnished a very interesting and real part of our 4-H club work. As a leader, I have been responsible for the social activities of the younger girls and have helped them to plan parties, mothers' dinners, and achievement-day programs. In 1934 a local women's club appointed Ruby Pinnick, my leader, and me to be their delegates to a recreational school and report to them what we did and learned. We profited a great deal by this, and it came in very handy to us for our meetings and parties. Two years ago we presented an operetta 'Lets Clean Up', which was repeated a number of times and was finally given at a 4-H leaders' council. Out of this grew a trio, composed of two of the older members and myself, which has performed at many places. Two years ago in November we sang over the radio in connection with National 4-H Club Day, and last year we had the same privilege.

"In 1934 I went to Bozeman as a delegate to the State 4-H Club Convention. It was there that I learned a great deal about judging and won first place, tying with another girl, in the foods-judging contest.

"I experienced the greatest thrill of my life when I went to Chicago as the winner of the State food-preparation contest this year. Never before in my life had I been out of the State. In fact, I had never been more than 150 miles from home, and that 150 miles was the trip to the State 4-H Convention at Bozeman through 4-H club work."

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Mr. Shuey writes:

"I started in 4-H club work in 1932, when my brother and I had a 5-acre patch of sugar beets which we worked together. In 1933 we put the same patch in again. We exhibited beets at the county fair and took fourth place. We won second place on our beet-culture demonstration at the same fair.

"I never particularly liked sugar-beet projects because of the great expense involved in their cultivation. So, in 1934, I carried a project on a litter of Duroc-Jersey pigs. Hog production was well adapted to our type of farm. The county agent interested me in the corn club, so, in 1935, I planted an old potato patch to Minnesota 13 yellow dent corn. I made a

profit of \$100 from it. As a result of my project work for the previous 3 years and assistant leadership for 2 years I was chosen to represent the boys' clubs in the county at the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. Profits from my corn project were used to defray my share of the expense to Chicago.

"In the spring of 1936 I was elected by the county 4-H Council to attend the Seventh Annual 4-H Club Convention of Montana, where I was in turn elected president of the State 4-H members. That year I carried two projects: A corn project of 17 acres and a lamb-feeding project with 15 lambs. No other project has interested me as much as the lamb-feeding project did. As I have always had a great liking for livestock, I was keen on the idea of having 15 sheep of my own to run and feed in my own way. I exhibited at the State-wide Fat Lamb Show in Billings and won \$20 in prizes -- three firsts, one second, and one third for the county prize.

"It was during this year that I took over active leadership of the Finch Club. There was an enrollment of nine. At the county fair the boys took a total of \$30.50 in prizes.

"In my estimation, nothing has ever given me the profit, satisfaction, and enjoyment that 4-H work has given me."

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